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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
- Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1); 2.
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